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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District for the year 1949.

The satisfactory trends of previous years are maintained, and of the vital statistics, worthy of comment are the high birth rate and the absence of deaths from puerperal causes and of infants under one year of age.

The sanitary circumstances remain satisfactory, but the conditions existing in the ex-P.O.W. Camp, Shady Lane, now occupied by "squatters" cannot be viewed with anything save disfavour, and this Camp remains both an offence to the sight and a potential menace to the health of the adjacent residential area.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. KIND,

Medical Officer of
Health.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY =====

<u>Area</u> , in acres	2,529
<u>Number of inhabited houses</u> (end of 1949)	
according to Rate Books	1,888
<u>Rateable Value</u> (1st April, 1949)	£46,229
<u>Sum represented by a Penny Rate</u>	£182

POPULATION : (see also Appendix A)

1949 Registrar-General's Estimate	6,070
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TABLE showing the changes in population during the present decade :-

1940	5719	1945	5407
1941	5811	1946	5637
1942	5507	1947	5720
1943	5354	1948	5802
1944 c	5381	1949	6070

<u>BIRTHS</u> :				<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	
<u>Live Births</u>	-	Legitimate	...	Male	42	47
				Female	33	60
				Total	75	107
	-	Illegitimate	...	Male	1	1
				Female	3	2
				Total	4	3
				(Male	43	48
				(Female	36	62
				(Total	79	110
	<u>TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS</u>					
<u>Stillbirths</u>	-	Legitimate	...	Male	-	1
				Female	-	-
				Total	-	1
	-	Illegitimate	...	Male	-	-
				Female	-	-
				Total	-	-
				(Male	-	1
				(Female	-	-
				(Total	-	1
	<u>TOTAL STILLBIRTHS</u>					

STATISTICAL SUMMARY
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<u>Birthrate per 1,000</u>	Estimated population :	1948	1949
	Oadby	13.6	18.1
	England and Wales ..	17.9	16.7

<u>Illegitimate birthrate per 1,000 live births :</u>			
	Oadby	50.6	27.2

<u>Stillbirths</u> - Rate per 1,000 estimated population :			
	Oadby	Nil.	0.16

TABLE showing numbers of births and birth rates during the present decade :-

YEAR	Number of Births OADBY			Birth rate per 1,000 population		
	Legit- imate	Illegit- imate	Total	Oadby	Leicester- shire	England & Wales
1940	68	3	71	12.4	15.1	14.6
1941	75	1	76	13.0	14.6	14.2
1942	74	4	78	14.2	17.3	15.8
1943	82	4	86	16.1	19.6	16.5
1944	107	7	114	21.2	21.1	17.6
1945	80	11	91	16.8	18.8	16.1
1946	92	5	97	17.2	20.6	19.1
1947	86	1	87	15.2	21.2	20.5
1948	75	4	79	13.6	18.84	17.9
1949	107	3	110	18.1	17.35	16.7

<u>DEATHS</u> :			1948	1949
<u>Total number of deaths</u> ...	Male		27	33
	Female		28	32
	Total		55	65

<u>Death rate per 1,000</u> ...	Oadby	9.4	10.7
<u>Estimated Population</u>	England & Wales..	10.8	11.7

Deaths from puerperal causes

Number of deaths - Puerperal sepsis	1	Nil.
Other puerperal causes ..	Nil.	Nil.
Puerperal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births		
Oadby	12.6	Nil.
England & Wales..	1.02	0.98

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

Number of deaths	3	Nil.
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births		
Oadby	37.9	Nil.
England & Wales..	34.0	32.0

CAUSES OF DEATHS
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REGISTRAR GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION	1948			1949		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever	-	1	1	-	-	-
3. Scarlet fever	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Whooping-cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1	-	-	-
7. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Syphilitic diseases	-	-	-	1	-	1
9. Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. Acute poliomyelitis and polioencephalitis ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Acute encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Cancer, bucal cavity and oesophagus (M), and uterus (F)	1	-	1	-	-	-
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	1	-	1
15. Cancer of breast	-	3	3	-	3	3
16. Cancer, all other sites	3	3	6	6	1	7
17. Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions	6	3	9	4	6	10
19. Heart disease	9	12	21	13	14	27
20. Other circulatory diseases	-	2	2	3	1	4
21. Bronchitis	1	2	3	-	2	2
22. Pneumonia	1	-	1	2	-	2
23. Other respiratory diseases	-	-	-	1	1	2
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	-	1	-	1	1
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	-	-	-
26. Appendicitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases	-	-	-	1	-	1
28. Nephritis	-	-	-	-	1	1
29. Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis	-	1	1	-	-	-
30. Other maternal causes	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Premature birth	-	-	-	-	-	-
32. Congenital malformation, birth injuries, infantile diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-
33. Suicide	1	-	1	-	-	-
34. Road traffic accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-
35. Other violent causes	1	-	1	-	-	-
36. All other causes	2	1	3	1	2	3
TOTAL DEATHS :	27	28	55	33	32	65
TOTALS OF GROUPS 13, 14, 15 & 16	4	6	10	7	4	11
TOTALS OF GROUPS 18, 19 & 20	15	17	32	20	21	41
TOTALS OF GROUPS 21, 22 & 23	2	2	4	3	3	6

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA
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I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. G. Edgar Fryer, for the following information upon the sanitary circumstances of the area :-

Water Supply

The Leicester Corporation water mains are laid throughout the area, and supply all except a few outlying premises. The water is of excellent quality in all respects.

(a)	Number of dwelling-houses having a piped water supply laid into the house	1,846
	Population concerned	5,862
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses which have access to the Leicester City supply by means of standpipes	68
	Population concerned	208
(c)	Number of dwelling-houses not connected with the public supply, consisting of outlying farms supplied from wells	8

Drainage and Sewage

The sewage is dealt with at the Council's Sewage Farm.

On the 31st December, 1949, there were 34 cesspools in the District, three cesspools having been constructed during the year.

Closet Accommodation

Approximate numbers in the District :-

(a)	Privies	Nil
(b)	Pail closets	16
(c)	Water closets	1,954

12 pail closets were converted to water closets during the year.

Public Cleansing

House refuse is collected weekly by the Council's staff, and disposal is by means of controlled tipping on a low level field at the Sewage Disposal Works.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Total number of complaints received during the year	..	..	..	..	14
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	..	..	..	..	119
Total number of inspections made :-					
Animal keeping	..	..	..	..	25
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	6
Dairies and Cowsheds	..	..	..	..	24
Drainage works	..	..	..	..	202
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	..	..	..	..	247
Food premises	..	..	..	..	5
Rats and Mice Destruction	..	..	..	..	8
Refuse collection and disposal	..	..	..	..	73
Schools	..	..	..	..	2
Shops	..	..	..	..	35
Slaughter-house and meat inspections	..	..	..	..	168
Water Supplies	..	..	..	..	3
Workshops, etc.	..	..	..	..	18
Other inspections	..	..	..	..	170
Total Inspections					986

Notices Served during the Year

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on January 1st, 1949	21	3
Issued during 1949	20	98
Complied with during 1949	8	101
Statutory action necessary	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on December 31st, 1949	33	Nil

No summary action was taken during the year.

Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Bye-Laws and Regulations

There are no common lodging houses. No offensive trade is established and there is no canal within the area. There are no tents or vans used as dwellings.

Camping Sites : There are no camping sites in the area, and no licences have been issued.

Eradication of

Bed Bugs : No cases of infestation have come under observation.

Schools : The two Council schools, senior and junior, are modern buildings with sound sanitation, good drainage and the public water supply.

Shops : No action was taken during the year under the provisions of the Shop Acts, 1934.

Swimming Baths : A filtration and chlorination plant is being installed at the Swimming Baths and it is hoped to be in use by the time the Baths open for the 1950 season. 38 inspections were made during 1949.

H O U S I N G =====

(1) New Houses :

Total number of applications for Council houses received at the end of the year 174

Programme of new houses to be erected

Total number of post war houses completed by -

(a) the Local Authority 110

(b) Private enterprise 41

Number of houses erected during the year by -

(a) the Local Authority 16

(b) Private enterprise 16

Number of permanent houses in course of construction at the end of the year by -

(a) the Local Authority 22

(b) Private enterprise 8

(2) Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :

(a) i. Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 206

ii. Number of inspections made for this purpose .. 206

(b) i. Number of dwelling-houses (including those above) inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 Nil

ii. Number of inspections made for this purpose .. Nil

(c) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under (d) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human inhabitation .. 20

(d) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human inhabitation Nil

(3) Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice :

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or its officers 8

(4) Action under Statutory Powers during the year :

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts 98

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 Nil

H O U S I N G

(5) Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding :

(a)	i. Number of dwellings reported overcrowded during the year	12
	ii. Number of families dwelling therein	20
	iii. Number of persons dwelling therein	62
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	10
(c)	i. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	7
	ii. Number of persons concerned in such cases	34
(d)	Cases where dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for its abatement	Nil

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK : (To the 30th September, 1949)

(1)	<u>Retailers</u> , other than cow-keepers :	
	Number on Register	17
	Number of inspections of premises	10
	Number of contraventions found	Nil
(2)	<u>Producers</u> , including those who retail milk :	
	Number on Register	8
	Number of inspections made	24
	Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	Nil
	Number of contraventions found during 1949	Nil
	Number of contraventions remedied	Nil
	Number outstanding on September 30th, 1949	Nil
(3)	<u>Biological Examination of Milk</u> :	
	Seven samples of milk were taken for examination by guinea pig inoculation and none revealed the presence of living tubercle bacilli.	

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS :

There are no regional slaughter-houses in the District, and the 168 animals slaughtered for food during the year were all examined.

A total of 49 inspections was made of meat shops, meat stores and other places of food storage.

PREVENTION OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES
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General Review

The common infectious diseases of children showed the usual annual variation.

Three cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified and six contacts of cases occurring outside this District were kept under surveillance.

Diphtheria and Diphtheria Immunisation

No cases of diphtheria occurred.

Tuberculosis

During the year one new case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified. There were no deaths.

There were 22 respiratory and 9 non-respiratory cases on the Register at the end of the year.

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FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948
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PART I

Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are enforced by the Local Authority	26
Inspections made	18
Notices issued	Nil
Defects found	Nil

PART VII

Number of outworkers in list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	38
(Nature of work -- making wearing apparel)	

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APPENDIX "A"

TABLE SHOWING THE AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AT DECEMBER 31st, 1947
GIVEN AS PERCENTAGES OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

AGE GROUPS	OADB Y URBAN DISTRICT		AGGREGATE OF LEICS. URBAN DISTRICTS		ENGLAND AND WALES	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 4	3.9	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.2.
5 - 14	6.4	6.4	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.6
15 - 17	1.4	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0
18 - 19	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.4	0.6	1.0
20 - 24	2.2	3.2	3.0	3.5	2.8	3.7
25 - 34	6.0	6.3	7.5	7.6	7.3	7.9
35 - 44	7.5	9.1	7.9	8.0	7.8	8.1
45 - 54	6.4	8.7	6.5	7.2	6.2	7.1
55 - 64	5.5	6.3	4.4	5.4	4.8	5.8
65 - 74	3.2	5.2	3.0	3.7	3.2	4.2
75 - 84	1.3	2.2	1.1	1.6	1.2	1.8
Over 84	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3

APPENDIX "B"

TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISEASE	Age Not Known	Under 1 yr.	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	65-	TOTAL
Measles	8	1	15	23	37	1	-	-	3	-	-	88
Scarlet Fever	1	-	2	2	7	2	1	-	-	-	-	15
Whooping-Cough	8	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	13
Acute Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2

